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SUBJECT: ITU: 29TH ADMIN COUNCIL POSTPONES SOUTH AFRICAN
MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL ISSUE

REF: A) GENEVA 3889; B) STATE 131059

1. ITU'S 29TH ADMIN COUNCIL DECIDED AFTER BRIEF DEBATE JULY 4
TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT SESSION DECISION ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT
SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT IT WOULD NO PAY ITS CONTRIBUTION
TO ITU UNTIL ITS RIGHT TO ATTEND ALL ITU CONFERENCES AND MEET-
INGS HAD BEEN FULLY RESTORED. CONTRBUTION DUE FOR 1974 WAS
604,000 SWISS FRANCS (ABOUT \$201,333), REPRESENTING 8-UNIT
CLASS OF CONTRIBUTION.

2. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL MERELY NOTE CONTENTS OF
LETTER OF SOUTH AFRICAN POSTMASTER GENERAL AND RECOGNIZE THAT
SOUTH AFRICA REMAINED "DE JURE MEMBER" OF ITU AND
CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION ISSUE AGAIN AT NEXT SESSION. UK, SWISS,
SWEDEN, US, USSR AND CANADA MEMBERS SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN; BALANCE
OF COUNCIL, INCLUDING AFS, SILENT.

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3. COUNCIL ALSO AGREED THAT SYG WOULD CONTINUE TO SEND DOCUMENTS,

CONTRIBUTORY UNIT BILLINGS, COMMUNICATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL
COUNCIL DECIDED OTHERWISE. DALE

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